



Louisiana Coastlines

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Two Polls, Same View: S O S for Louisiana

National Geographic readers and a large majority of Americans have recently weighed in and the numbers are very positive.

In two recent surveys, it was concluded that coastal Louisiana, also known as America's WETLAND, is an important environmental resource that should be saved and with help from the federal government.

Comments from people from across the nation, including some 901 people surveyed indicated that as high as 83 percent believe that saving coastal land loss in Louisiana is important and action to combat the loss is needed.

This national poll was commissioned by the AW campaign in December and was conducted by Penn, Schoen and Berland Associates, Inc. of Washington, D.C. Ac-

cording to Robert Green, principal at Penn, Schoen and Berland in a recent news release, "This poll reveals broad and deep national support for restoring America's WETLAND, not only because it is an eco-system of world ecological significance that plays an important

In looking at results from an online poll conducted by National Geographic Magazine showed some 91 percent of respondents (more than 32,000 votes cast in October and November) said federal dollars should be earmarked toward stemming the tide of wetland loss in Louisiana. The magazine featured an 18-page article detailing the topic and then invited its millions of readers all over the world to share their opinions through an online poll.

These are just two instances of how the AW awareness and education campaign continues to reach a broad national audience. It is reassuring to know that people beyond our borders have allowed us to get positive feedback by expressing their opinions and support.



Louisiana gets attention in National Geographic, October 2004.

role in protecting Louisiana from hurricanes, but also because it is area of vital importance to the nation's economic and energy security because of the strategic oil reserve."

For updates and information on the America's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana, visit www.americaswetland.com.

Timbalier Island Dune and Marsh Restoration Project

CWPPRA Project Profile

Location:	Located south of Terrebonne Bay and west of East Timbalier Island in Terrebonne Parish
Cost:	\$16 million
Date:	Start: June 2004 Complete: December 2004
Type:	Barrier Island Restoration
Sponsors:	DNR and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Summary:	The objective of this project was to restore the eastern end of Timbalier Island through the direct creation of dune and marsh habitat. The project consist of dredging and pumping approximately 4.6 million cubic yards of sediment from an offshore sand source to the island. The borrow area was located approximately 14,000 feet from the project site and is south of Little Pass, between Timbalier and East Timbalier Islands. Sand fencing was also installed on the dune platform. This fencing will help capture and retain wind blown sand.
What's ahead:	The next phase will include vegetative planting to begin summer spring 2005. The vegetation will be planted on the dune and marsh platforms to help capture and retain wind blown sand. DNR project staff will monitor the effectiveness of the project in achieving its goals in the project area for next 20 years.
Project Team:	Chris Williams, DNR Project Manager; Patty Taylor, EPA Project Manager; Beau Tate, DNR Project Engineer; Daniel Dearmond, DNR Construction Engineer; Karen Gray Monitoring Manger; James Altman, DNR Land Specialist; T. Baker Smith and Sons, Inc. Consulting Engineers; Weeks Marine, Inc., Construction Contractor and Shaw Coastal Inc., Construction Inspection Services.



Top photo shows the island as the dredge operation is in progress.

Bottom photo shows the restoration completed viewed from the top of the dune platform looking east. The Gulf of Mexico is to the right.



DNR Secretary, PACE, NACo Promote Coastal Efforts



The National Association of Counties, NACo understands

and supports Louisiana's efforts at defending its very valuable real estate—its coastal wetlands. In January, the **County News Online** devoted a four-page spread to the topic and shared with its readers and membership a number of environmental facts, photos, and illustrations to emphasize the state's message. The article was entitled “**NACo visits Louisiana's near-devastated coastal wetlands**” referring to the group of NACo leaders that joined

Governor Kathleen Blanco and DNR Secretary Scott Angelle on a fly-over of the state's coastline late last fall.

One of the visiting NACo Commissioners Pamela Newton concluded, “This was a way to witness firsthand the devastation Louisiana has suffered and to see overall what affect the loss of these wetlands play on national economy and security. It's not just a local issue; its loss is felt nationwide.”

The chance to further the state's relationship with NACo and to engage and educate its membership continues with the upcoming *Legislative Conference* that NACo will hold in Washington, D.C. on March 4-9,

2005. DNR Secretary Angelle and some coastal parish presidents will actively participate in the conference. Secretary Angelle's plans also include bringing these local elected parish officials to meet with members of our congressional delegation for discussion of future coastal restoration strategies.

The 19 coastal parishes leaders have formed an organization known as PACE, Parishes Against Coastal Erosion. The group has recently created a website and encourages members of their community to interact through the site, www.paceonline.org.

To find out more about NACo go to www.naco.org. At its heart, NACo is a membership organization. Its primary members are the nation's counties. NACo represents their interests on Capitol Hill and throughout the federal bureaucracy.

DNR's Coastal Management Office Reaches Out

By: Bill Pittman, Coastal Management Permit Coordinator

The Coastal Management Division (CMD) co-hosted with the Louisiana MidContinent Oil and Gas Association, an Interagency Pipeline Permitting Seminar on December 13, 2004, as part of an ongoing outreach program. The purpose of this seminar was to open an exchange between agency and industry personnel who are involved in permitting issues. The attendees consisted of representatives from 34 businesses involved in permitting oil and gas operations in Louisiana. The final segment of the 3-hour seminar was a panel based Q&A session. The panel members represented eight different state and federal agencies that are involved in various phases of pipeline permitting. Here is a summary of two additional CMD public outreach meetings.

- On January 12: CMD hosted the first of several small group workshops designed to acquaint new permit agents with the structure of the interagency permitting establishment in Louisiana. This session was attended by eight personnel who represented four different private businesses. Among the topics discussed was the interagency relationship involved in the Joint Public Notice System with major participants including the Corps of Engineers, State Lands Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Wildlife and Fisheries, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Louisiana Geological Survey.

- On March 1: CMD will co-host with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline

Safety, an interagency meeting to obtain input regarding the new federal pipeline inspection and repair requirements. This is part of a multi-year phase of the implementation of these regulations promulgated by the U.S. DOT. This meeting will involve federal and state agencies and will include representatives of the coastal parishes.

These outreach activities were recommended as part of an evaluation process that was conducted to streamline the coastal use permitting process administered by CMD. Those streamlining efforts have already shown significant results. Average permit application processing times were reduced by about 35 percent between 2002 and 2004.



CWPPRA and Teachers: A Good Mix

By: Cynthia Poland, DNR Public Information Officer

If you are a teacher or student searching for information dealing with natural resources projects, then you may be pleased to hear about The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA).

CWPPRA also known as the Breaux Act provides state-of-the-art, science based, landscape level coastal restoration projects in Louisiana and also funds essential wetland educational outreach activities. CWPPRA's educational programs are built around teacher workshops. Educators attend workshops and receive a variety of resources for their classrooms including maps, magazines, Web activities, educational CD's and lesson plans. The award-winning educational CD "Explore Coastal Louisiana with Boudreaux" is always a favorite. An innovative science and technology learning unit titled, "Restoring America's Wetlands" is currently available too.

Teachers and the public can learn more about coastal activities through the program's magazine, **WaterMarks**. This free, full color, in-depth resource is published three times a year. Additionally, CWPPRA publishes an online report on the latest wetland activities through the Breaux Act Newsflash. CWPPRA also offers a new brochure titled "Turning the Tide" which highlights six restoration projects and displays an outstanding map of coastal Louisiana.

CWPPRA has begun new educational projects for 2005. The first project is a new INTECH model lesson plan that uses math skills to teach students about the design and construction of restoration projects. This new unit will be released to teachers in May 2005. CWPPRA staff is also working on a kindergarten to 4th grade interactive instructional CD on wetlands. Other organizations assisting in the development of the new (K-4) CD include the DNR, BTNEP, Jean Lafitte National Park Service and America's WETLAND. CWPPRA's Public Outreach Committee members have also taken lead roles in the new

Louisiana Wetland Education Coalition (LaWEC).

To learn more about CWPPRA's wetland educational activities contact Susan Bergeron at sbergeron@usgs.gov or (337) 266-8626 or visit the Web at www.LaCoast.gov.

Here are a few other helpful Websites teachers and students can visit.

www.americaswetland.com

www.dnr.louisiana.gov

www.marshmission.com

www.epa.gov/owow/estuaries/kids/

www.epa.gov/nheerl/

www.gov.state.la.us/enved/default.htm

Historic Signing of LCA



The state's Local Coastal Area, Louisiana Ecosystem Restoration, (LCA) Chief's summary report and supporting reports were made public and signed by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock on Monday, January 31, 2005.

Here's what's ahead with LCA in 2005:

According to the LCA Project Manager Jonathan Porthouse, planning activities are currently underway for a subset of the LCA Program elements described in the LCA Study report. The following elements offer the greatest opportunity for FY 05. The initial focus of FY 05 includes: (1) establishing the Science & Technology Office; (2) finalizing the Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline feasibility study, focusing on Caminada Headland and Shell Island; and (3) addressing environmental restoration, flood control, and navigation concerns along the MRGO. Following this initial focus, the remaining work items will be addressed.



Underwater Obstructions Notice and Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that 28 claims in the amount of \$99,524.25 were received for payment during the period November 1, 2004 - January 31, 2005. There were 25 claims paid and 3 claims denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

27638 46932 ST MARY

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

28 59.830	89 07.820	PLAQUEMINES
29 02.912	90 22.810	LAFOURCHE
29 08.313	90 56.307	TERREBONNE
29 08.910	90 56.040	TERREBONNE
29 10.226	90 40.804	TERREBONNE
29 10.345	90 39.967	TERREBONNE
29 11.085	91 06.559	TERREBONNE
29 13.485	89 49.572	JEFFERSON
29 15.801	89 57.696	JEFFERSON

29 16.031	89 37.536	PLAQUEMINES
29 17.040	90 43.041	TERREBONNE
29 17.318	89 41.413	PLAQUEMINES
29 17.423	89 57.528	JEFFERSON
29 18.274	89 54.946	JEFFERSON
29 20.360	89 59.200	JEFFERSON
29 21.061	89 35.703	PLAQUEMINES
29 21.503	89 59.114	JEFFERSON
29 23.290	89 58.304	JEFFERSON
29 25.058	89 49.702	JEFFERSON
29 27.376	89 59.141	JEFFERSON
29 30.249	90 03.325	JEFFERSON
29 34.521	90 03.424	JEFFERSON
29 39.760	91 55.750	IBERIA
29 40.068	89 55.091	PLAQUEMINES
29 46.090	89 13.420	ST BERNARD
29 49.534	89 16.111	ST BERNARD
30 02.771	93 19.828	CAMERON

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call (225)342-0122.

Rainwater Blues

Did you know that the largest contributor to water pollution in the state is nonpoint source pollution? DNR's Coastal Management Division's Interagency Affairs Program has produced an educational video ***Rainwater Blues*** about what citizens can do to help keep Louisiana's water bodies clean.

Approximately 40 percent of rivers, lakes and estuaries are not clean enough to meet basic uses such as fishing or swimming because of nonpoint source pollution. Unlike pollution from industry, nonpoint source pollution comes from everyone and everywhere. Rainfall picks up and carries natural and man-made pollutants and deposits them into our lakes, rivers, bayous, wetlands, estuaries and drinking water supplies. This video is a good educational tool for teachers and civic leaders. It is ideal for showing in natural science classrooms, environmental science gatherings, and at public meetings.

Rainwater Blues was produced by the following DNR employees: Gregory J. DuCote, Coastal Scientist Manager; Linda Pace, Coastal Scientist Supervisor; and Coastal Scientists Melanie Tarver, Marilyn Forbes and Jon Truxillo. The lyrics and theme were arranged by Matt Sevier. To order a free video, contact:

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Fifteen minute or thirty minute versions are available. Visit www.dnr.louisiana.gov/coastalnonpoint.



Know Your Coastal Zone Manager

Assumption Parish President,
Martin S. Triche

NOTE: Assumption Parish is active in coastal zone management issues but does not operate an official local program.

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How long have you served with the Assumption Parish Police Jury?

I have served as the Police Juror of Ward 5 in Assumption Parish since January of 1992. I have been honored to operate in the capacity of Assumption Parish Police Jury President from 1993 to present. As Police Jury President, I am responsible for the over all operations and activities of the Police Jury, which include the preparation and administration of parish services, programs, and projects as they are approved by the Jury. Also, as the Police Jury President, I serve on all executive committees, such as: Drainage, Finance, Insurance, Recreation, Engineering, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Personnel, Federal Programs, and Emergency Preparedness.

It has been a great pleasure for me to be given the opportunity to serve the citizens of Assumption Parish. During my time in office, I have aspired to make our local governing agency as efficient, effective and productive as possible.

What accomplishments have been made in the parish since you have been in office?

As a Police Jury, we strived to regularly improve the drainage and roads in our communities. Since my time in office, we have also developed an Office of Emergency Preparedness. This department helps prepare and assist our citizens during times of natural disasters, as well as any other types of emergency situations that may arise. We also, have implemented many programs to help individuals in our parish whom need financial assistance due to unforeseen circumstances.

What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

I am a golfer and father of three boys, ages 12, 10, and 3 years. Perhaps one day, my father (Pappy Triche) and boys, Sam, Charlie, Jack, and I will all tee off together on the golf course. I am also proud of the fact that my dad, sister, and I continue to practice law together in Napoleonville.



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